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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

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In re Application of: Aminabhavi et al.  
Serial No.: 10/007,442  
Filing Date: December 5, 2001  
Title: ION EXCHANGE MEMBRANES, METHODS AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF AND USES IN SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS

**BOX MISSING PARTS**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p> <p><u>Willie Jiles</u> Name</p> <p><u>May 13, 2002</u> Date of Signature</p> <p>Express Mail No. EL 501001655 US</p>
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed April 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following for filing in the above-identified patent application.

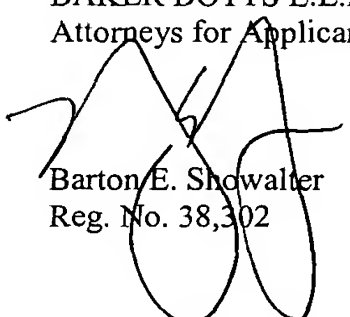
1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated April 2, 2002;
2. A check in the amount of \$65.00 in payment of the small entity surcharge for missing parts under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(l);
3. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above patent application, which was filed December 5, 2001;
4. An executed Assignment for the above patent application;
5. An executed Assignment Cover Sheet;
6. A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the assignment;

7. A Transmittal of Formal Drawings;
8. 7 sheets of formal drawings; and
9. An Information Disclosure Statement with attached PTO-1449 forms and references.

Applicants believes all necessary items have now been forwarded to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for filing in the above identified patent application.

Applicants believe that no other fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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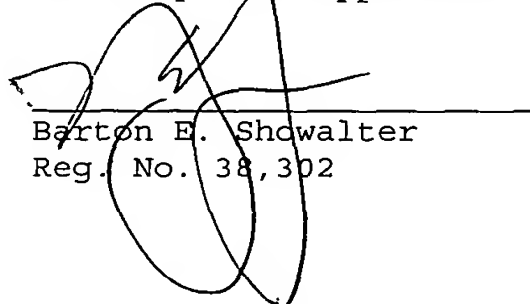
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Transmitted herewith are seven (7) sheets of formal drawings to be substituted for the informal drawings initially filed in the above-identified application for patent.

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